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COUNTRY	USSR (Belorussian SSR)	REPORT	
SUBJECT	Distillery and Winery in the Volno-Chernikhovo Sovkhoz	DATE DISTR.	21 Nov 1948
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1. A distillery was located in the Volno-Chernikhovo Sovkhoz in Gorodishchenskiy Rayon, Belorussian SSR. It was not part of the sovkhoz but was directly subordinate to the Oblast Alcohol Trust (Oblspirttrest). 25X1
2. This distillery, which was built about 1934, was a large brick building with a white metal roof. It housed a boiler room, a section with the distilling apparatus, a fermentation section, and several other rooms. About 80 m from this building was a 50-ton tank to which the alcohol, which was 164 proof, was piped. When the tank was full, the alcohol was shipped by railroad tank car to Pogoreltsy (N 53-12, E 26-18). The distillery had three trucks which were used to deliver the alcohol to Pogoreltsy. [redacted] it was used in the production of rubber. 25X1
3. The distillery used peat for fuel. Some of the peat was obtained by distillery workers who mined 30 hectares of swampland which had been taken from the sovkhoz and attached to the distillery. The rest of the peat was obtained from the peat works in Podleseyki (N 53-11, E 26-16). The distillery was in operation as long as there was raw material available. Potatoes and barley were obtained from the collective farmers. All the kolkhozy from Gorodishchenskiy Rayon and some from Nesvizhskiy Rayon delivered their potatoes to the distillery. The potatoes were kept in large storage trenches. The distillery waste was sold cheaply as cattle fodder to sovkhozy, kolkhozy, and to kolkhozniki. 25X1
4. The distillery was enclosed by a solid wooden fence with barbed wire at the top and was under guard 24 hours a day. Outsiders were not permitted entry.
5. In the Volno-Chernikhovo Sovkhoz there was also a winery. The winery did not belong to the state farm but was under separate management. The building in which the winery was located had been constructed in the 19th century. It was used as a distillery until 1948, when it was converted into a winery.

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6. The winery also used peat for fuel. Only fruit wines were produced, and the winery contracted for fruit with state and collective farms and also with individual collective farmers.

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